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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Examiner : D. Margaret Seaman  
Group Art Unit : 1625  
Applicants : Roger D. Tung, et al.  
Application No. : 10/786,997 Confirmation No. : 9030  
Filed : February 24, 2004  
For : NOVEL SULFONAMIDE INHIBITORS OF  
ASPARTYL PROTEASE

New York, New York 10020  
December 21, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the September 22, 2004  
Office Action in the above-identified application.  
Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time for replying  
for a period of two months up to and including December  
22, 2004.

Appl'n No. 10/786,997  
Amendment and Reply dated 12/21/04  
Reply to Office Action of 9/22/04

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.